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TAGS: PGOV, SHUM, KS, US
SUBJECT: USG OBSERVATION OF TRIAL OF KIM DAE JUNG
REF: SEOUL 10484

1. (C) - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. WE HAVE DECIDED TO DISPATCH DEPASST LEGAL ADVISOR JEFFREY SMITH TO ASSIST THE EMBASSY WITH OBSERVATION OF THE REMAINDER OF THE KIM DAE JUNG TRIAL. HE WOULD NOT MAKE ANY STATEMENTS IN SEOUL ON THE TRIAL. WE WOULD HOPE THAT HE COULD ALSO INTERVIEW AS MANY RELEVANT PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE, INCLUDING THE DEFENSE AND PROSECUTION LAWYERS. WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE STAY WOULD BE ABOUT A

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WEEK.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD INFORM THE APPROPRIATE KOREAN AUTHORITIES OF SMITH'S ARRIVAL AND OBTAIN DOCUMENTATION FOR HIM TO ATTEND THE TRIAL, UTILIZING ONE OF THE PLACES RESERVED FOR A U.S. EMBASSY OFFICER.

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4. SMITH PLANS TO ARRIVE SUNDAY, AUGUST 24 VIA KAL 725 AT 1822 HOURS. PLEASE MEET, ASSIST, AND MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS.

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6. WE REGRET THE INCONVENIENCE, BUT IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO BRIEF SMITH FOLLOWING

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REVIEWED BY H Temple DATE 8/18/82
PORTIONS DENIED AS INDICATED

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HIS ARRIVAL SUNDAY P.M., ON SUCH THINGS AS KOREAN MILITARY AND CIVILIAN COURT PROCEDURES AND THE STATE OF PLAY. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THIS COULD INCLUDE KOREAN LEGAL EXPERTS. CHRISTOPHER
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